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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Jack C. Wybenga et al.  
Serial No. : 10/826,138  
Filed : April 16, 2004  
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING  
CONTROL PLANE FUNCTIONS IN A  
MULTIPROCESSOR ROUTER  
Group No. : 2619  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This communication responds to a Final Office Action dated May 1, 2008 in the above-referenced patent application, which has a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on August 1, 2008. The Applicant is filing this Reply prior to July 1, 2008, the two-month deadline for receiving an Advisory Action. An advisory action is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows.